**LEVEL 4 WELCOME 2015**

29th January 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Level 4 2015. We trust you have had an enjoyable break and your children are well rested, ready for a busy term.

Firstly there are some important dates that you need to remember.

**10th February** Year 5 Parents Transition Information Session for 2017

**12th February** Swimming Trials

**25th – 27th February** Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

**4th March** Parent/Teacher interviews 2PM – 8:30PM

**12th March** House Athletics

**20th March** House Cross Country

**23rd – 27th March** Year 6 Canberra Camp

This term’s unit of Inquiry has a history focus with Year 5s concentrating on the 1800s and settlement in Australia and the Year 6s focusing on the 1900s, in particular Federation and government, hence the camp locations for 2015.

Please remember that students will no longer be given a sport top for interschool sport days. Primary School Wear has sport tops in stock that the students chose last year. Students were part of the design process and it was decided that these tops can be worn every Friday for Level 4 sport, interschool sport days, house athletics (if they are in blue house) and any other form of sport where they are representing Vermont Primary School.

We are running an information evening for Year 5 parents to assist with queries regarding secondary school choices and processes. A guest speaker will be present to answer questions regarding applications in 2016. This will be run in the Learning Centre on 10th February at 6:30PM and we anticipate it will run no longer than an hour.

The homework set up has changed this year. Students will receive a homework grid that will be pasted into their homework books. Each fortnight they must complete 2 or 3 of the Mathematics activities and one activity from each of the English and Home Task sections. All reading is to be recorded in their diary. A letter will be sent home next week for you with more details. We ask that you support your child to complete fortnightly tasks by assisting with organisation and time management where necessary. **ALL INQUIRIES OR PROBLEMS** with the homework need to come through your child’s teacher. Please do not write notes in their homework book; contact the teacher directly during the first week of the homework period. There will be consequences for those students who fail to complete the homework in the allocated time frame.

We remind you that Vermont Primary School school bags are compulsory. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a second hand school bag.

Please assist us in ensuring students are in correct school uniform. We often have girls wearing brightly coloured hair ties and ribbons which is not part of school uniform. Blue or hair coloured hair ties only are allowed and blue ribbons may be worn.

A reminder that students should not be dropped off at school early each day. Students found in the school grounds will be either placed in Out of School Hours Care or at the office.

Teachers are available upon request for interviews. Please phone your child’s teacher or send a note in your child’s diary. Staff attends regular meetings either before or after school each week and would appreciate notice in advance.

Level 4 camps will be upon us quickly and we ask that you finalise payments as soon as convenient if you have not done so.

Level 4 Teaching Team

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